(c) The inquiry is in progress.

(d) Does not arise.

Restriction on Marketing of Insecticides

5081. SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Insecticides Board, Faridabad has restricted the marketing of indigenously developed insecticides name 'Indira' certified by the Dandi Krishi Vidayapitha, which are very beneficial to crops besides being harmless to the farmers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to remove this restriction?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Sir, no such restriction has been imposed by the Government of India. Besides, no application for registration of 'Indira' is pending with the Registration Committee, constituted under the Insecticides Act, 1968 for granting registration for import, manufacture, sale and use of insecticides in the country.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to (a) above question does not arise.

Water Logging at Faridabad Railway Station

5082. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is the problem of stagnation of water especially in the rainy season at Faridabad railway station; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken for proper drainage of the stagnated water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A work for improvement of the drainage system at Faridabad has been sanctioned and the work will be taken in hand shortly after completion of the requisite formalities.

[English]

Joint Programmes for Disposal of Hospital Waste

5083. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any joint programmes with Bangladesh for the disposal of waste including hospital waste; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Rail Link to Bangladesh

5084. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to undertake electrification work on Ranghat-Gede section for the facilitation of rail transport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard specially as the said rail line, links to Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) There is no proposal at present to electrify Ranaghat-Gede section.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Export by rail to Bangladesh via Gede-Darsana is limited by the infrastructural constraints on Bangladesh Railway.

Rail Bridge

5085. SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a rail bridge over Bhagirathi connecting Jiaganj with Azimganj;

(b) whether the rail journey from Sealdah to North Bengal and North Eastern States would take lesser time if the said bridge is reconstructed;

(c) if so, whether the Government are considering to conduct a survey to reconstruct the said bridge; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Diesel Engine

5086. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: